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Air Mail Service Inauguration For California Cities

Effective on or about January 10, 1948, air mail service will be inaugurated at Rosemead and Fontana, Calif., on segment B of route A. M. 84; and service will be inaugurated over segment C of route A.M. 84 as follows:

Segment C—Air Mail Field Los Angeles (Municipal Airport) via Los Angeles Post Office Terminal Annex Building, Compton, Bellflower, Anaheim, Santa Ana and Orange, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, Wilmington and San Pedro, Torrance, Redondo Beach to Air Mail Field Los Angeles (Municipal Airport).

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First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at Los Angeles, Rosemead, Fontana, Compton, Bellflower, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, Torrance and Redondo Beach, should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flights and requesting the application of the cachet. First-flight covers for Air Mail Field, Los Angeles, should be addressed to District Superintendent, District 2, Railway Mail Service, Los Angeles 52, Calif., and should be accompanied by a similar letter. Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

At request of collectors, covers originating at above-named post-offices will be backstamped at the termination of the first flight or at an intermediate office designated by the regional superintendent, Air Postal Transport, and dispatched to destination.

Cachet Issued For Freedom Train Visit

When the "Freedom Train" visited Augusta, Ga., Scott Nixon, cachet director of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, had a nicely prepared printed cachet ready for the occasion. It pictured the streamlined diesel drawn train, and had the wording. "Souvenir of Freedom Train to Augusta, Georgia." The 10,000 prepared envelopes were distributed at the train to visitors, by Augusta Girl Scouts.

It was then possible for the visitors to mail the cacheted envelopes to their friends at a special railway post office set up by the local post office for the occasion. Mr. Nixon is authority for the statement that very few envelopes were left at the close of the visit of the Freedom Train.

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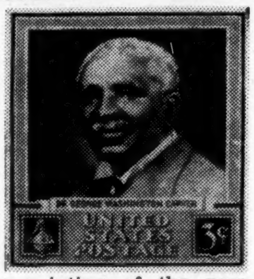
Printing of Three Cent Carver Stamp Started At Bureau



The printing of the new 3c George Washington Carver commemorative postage stamp, which is to be issued at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, on January 5, 1948, was started on Monday, December 15 at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in the presence of Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

Also present at the ceremonies incident to the first press run of the new stamp were Third Assistant Postmaster General Joseph J. Lawler; Dr. Russell W. Brown, Director of the George Washington Carver Foundation; Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Henry Smith, Executive Secretary of the George Washington Carver Foundation.

The Carver stamp will be the same size as the Famous American series issued in 1940. The portrait of Doctor Carver appears in the upper part of the stamp in a square panel with a dark background, while below the portrait in a conventional ribbon is the wording, "Dr. George Washington Carver" in solid Gothic. The stamp is being issued in sheets of 70 and an initial printing of 60,000,000 stamps has been ordered.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

January 5—George Washington Carver 3c commemorative from Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

January 15—1947 5c Airmail Stamp, in coil form, from Washington, D. C.

Announced Without Details Francis Scott Key Commemorative—1948.

Discovery of Gold in California Commemorative—1948.

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The section #6 of the Wiener Briefmarkenkatalog has been released to collectors. This is the catalog of European nations that is published in Vienna, and is distributed in this country by Otto Wlaschim, 55 Nagle Ave., New York 34, N. Y. In previously released sections of the catalog, some of the European nations were listed in full, while others were only recorded for various periods of time only. The present issue lists the stamps of Andorra, Belgium to 1938, Denmark, Iceland to 1944, and Roumania from 1940 to 1943.

Those who had obtained the previous sections will want to add this one to their catalog. There might be some who had not seen the other announcement of the catalog, and who would be interested in obtaining it. This is possible by writing to Mr. Wlaschim at the above address. The present section is printed on a better grade of paper than some of the others. The text continues in the German language, and the pages are punched for a two ring binder.

Inaugural of Air mail Service At Toledo

Effective on or about January 2, 1948, air-mail service will be inaugurated at Toledo, Ohio, on route A. M. 14.

No official cachet will be provided for Toledo, Ohio, as a cachet has previously been furnished for air-mail service at this point. However, souvenir covers received by the postmaster at Toledo, Ohio, will be dispatched to first flights, if practicable.

Top-Notch Article On Precancel Stamps For The 1001 Edition

We are more than pleased to announce that Dr. George Mynchenberg, of Elyria, Ohio, who in Precancel circles is known as one of the top men in that branch of the hobby, has consented to prepare a fine article on his favorite stamps for our 1001 edition. The article will be of primary interest to those collectors who have as yet not given much thought to precanceled stamps, and who would like to know the pleasures and the collections that can be gathered in this field.

Old timers in precancel collecting will find a lot of information and enjoyment in the article also, for the writings and the observations of Dr. Mynchenberg always provoke a lot of respect and interest.

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About Cabbages And Kings And Raising Heck With Stamps, Stamp Collectors And Stamp Dealers And Many Other Things

By George W. Linn

This article is inspired by numerous things that have passed over our desk in the past month or more. Right here, let me say that it will contain some things of interest to every stamp dealer who has good stamps to sell, to every collector who is able to read between the lines and take the information given herein for what it is worth. We state this because we do not want either of the two to stop reading for fear it don't mean them.

To get rid of the Cabbages and Kings part of the article we will have to admit that Cabbages like other things are getting higher day by day and that if things keep on the Kings may have to be satisfied with eating cabbages. So lets look at the rest of the matter now and see what it is all about.

To enumerate some of the things that we want to talk about we will begin with several letters that have come our way condemning us for our attacks on the questionable Roosevelt issues. These letters were inspired by one of the nouveau (we looked that up in the dictionary) wholesale stamp dealers and some of the boys to whom this dealer has been unloading nouveau stamps. The trend of these letters was that we were destroying their business and wouldn't we write some articles about stamp collecting and encourage collectors to buy stamps rather than tell them about bad stamps.

Well, we never took such requests seriously for if we had started such a series of articles it would have been with the idea of beginning with the beginning and working up to the tail end and that would have left us with so many articles that would not have fitted into their scheme of stamp selling that they would have written us to stop the articles before the series was half through, for the kind of stamp collecting they wanted us to promote would be at about the bottom of the heap of all kinds of stamp collecting.

Another matter that has come to our attention has been the attempt of a certain dealer who has been trying to sell to other dealers his secret formula for doing a stamp business. If you cross his palm properly he will tell you his inner secret. Among other things he trys to tell you which are the best papers to advertise in, when to advertise and a lot of other hooey, much of which is good if you can pick the good out of it, but he insults the readers of this paper by inferring that they are not the type of collector to whom good stamps can be sold. We mean higher priced fine quality material.

Well, this is all bologna in so far as this party is concerned for in all his business we have never found very many consistent offerings of real quality material and no indication that he has much of such in stock, but rather that his offerings have been of the bombastic, "get aboard the band wagon" type of offers that so many inexperienced collectors are apt to bite on.

This gets us down to the real meat of this story, now, for it concerns advertising of any and all stamp dealers.

We firmly believe that few dealers ever give their advertising copy the thought that it deserves. We believe your advertising copy is about the most important bit of writing that you do. Some of our copy comes to us with every evidence that it has been prepared with a studied effort to get results and such copy usually gets results. So much of the copy is dashed off on the spur of the moment, probably not even reread before being shot in to us and the dealer then hopes for orders. In big business firms, highly paid advertising men prepare copy for publication. They gave much serious thought to what they write and what they offer. Stamp dealers can not of course afford to hire advertising men to prepare their copy but they can give it some serious thought and attention themselves. There are certain kinds of copy that interest the collector and that the collector will read and study to see if his wanted items are offered. There are some types of copy that the dealer might just as well throw in the waste paper basket as to pay for having it published.

I will try to roughly mention a few kinds of copy that I consider bad as well as good. For the bad copy I would say that the dealer who uses up a good [illegible] space trying to tell the collector how good he is in taking care of their business and in filling orders promptly is just wasting his time. There is but one way to show this to the collector and that is by getting an order from him and then filling it so quickly and pleasing him so much by the service rendered that the collector will smile and be happy and say "by golly, that dealer certainly does take care of his business and I am going to try him again." When you hold up your customers, delay in filling orders, or write them that the item is out of stock or in refunding for what you can not supply, that collector is ready to "get off of you" and I mean get off.

Another type of copy that does not appeal to us is where a large space is used and is filled solid with offers in very small type. Most collectors whose business is most worth while are collectors up in years, many of them are short on eyesight that will permit them to wade through a huge mass of offers in very small print and as a result they skip the advertisement after becoming tired

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Ecuador—Famous Men	12v	1.25
Finland—Tourist & Agriculture	2v	.10
France—Resistance	1v	.05
Honduras—Archeological Airs	6v	6.25
Hungary—Stalin	3v	.75
Luxembourg—Poet Lentz	4v	.85
Liechtenstein—Animals	3v	.75
New Zealand—Health	2v	.10
Panama—Provisionals	5v	.85
Philippines—ECAFE	6v	.33
Philippines—Miniature Sheet	1v	.06
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CHILE. Scheduled for release early next year is a 40-cent, green, showing the famous Admiral Arturo Prat.

COLUMBIA. We illustrate the Mutis-Triana stamp reported here a week ago. The color is olive-green. We are also advised of a new 3-peso scheduled for release some time in December.

ECUADOR. We note a new set of Ecuador officials. All are 30c denominations. Colors are blue, purple and brown, and are issued without gum.

EGYPT. In connection with the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition to be held in Cairo in February, 1948, a new set of stamps are now in preparation.

FRANCE. A new semi-postal showing Jean Mermoz, famous French flyer, is scheduled for early release.

We also note the 1.30-franc, blue, type A146, has been overprinted "1-franc" in carmine. This may be the first in a series of provisionals.

INDIA. A 3-value set showing the flag of India has been reported by J. & H. Stolow. Denominations are 1 m., 1½ anna and 3 ½ anna.

LEBANON. A new set of four airmail semi-postals with a total face value of three Syrian pounds are scheduled for late November. Each of these stamps will portray an internationally famous woman. We are told that Mrs. Roosevelt will be pictured on the U. S. A. stamp, Madam Curie on the French stamp, etc. This set is supposedly limited to 15,000 complete series and it will probably be quite speculative.

LIECHTENSTEIN. Scheduled for mid-December is a 2 franc, black and yellow mourning stamp to mark the death of Princess Elsa Von Eroes, widow of Prince Francis I, former ruler of Liechtenstein.

This stamp will be a reissue of Scott No. 130, issued in 1935 in henna-brown.

NETHERLANDS. The Childs Welfare charity set was issued December 1.

NYASALAND. The new one-pence forecast here some weeks ago has finally appeared replacing Scott's No. 69. The colors are green and brown and show a leopard.

PARAGUAY. We are informed that a new set of commemoratives to mark the 50th anniversary of Episcopal were released on December 8, 1947.

POLAND. The changes of color in the Famous Poles Series continue, the latest change being the 20c picturing A. Mickiewicz, which now appears in purple in both perf, and imperf.

SPAIN. A 25-peseta, honoring Manuel De Falla, composer, and a 50-p, red, showing the head of Ingacia Cudoaga, Spanish painter.

A 35-cent, postage, will show Fernando Cortes, conqueror of Mexico, acknowledging the 400th anniversary of his death. A 70-cent postage is also expected showing Mateo Aleman, 17th century Spanish author.

SWEDEN. To mark the 40th year of the reign of King Gustaf three new stamps have been issued showing the King's head and the dates 1907-1947. Denominations are 10 ore, blue-violet; 20 ore, red; and 60 ore, red-violet, issued as coils, and a 10-and 20-ore are also issued as booklet panes.

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Congress Asked To Issue Lincoln Stamp

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"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance on November 19, 1948, a special series of 3-cent postage stamps, of such design as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

In support of his resolution, Senator Myers addressed a letter to President Truman wherein he gave the reasons and need for the issuance of a stamp of this nature at this time.

If Congress authorizes the issuance of a Lincoln-Gettysburg stamp, states Richard Heintzleman of Gettysburg, Pa., who brought the resolution to out attention, it will be requested of the Post Office Department that the stamps be given the first day of issue sale in Gettysburg on November 19, 1948.

Meet Some People With The Right Spirit

It is certainly pleasing to report that there have been more warm hearted people that are giving a thought to our wounded service men and women now convalescing in the various veterans hospitals throughout the country. Their thoughtfulness takes the form of one year subscriptions to be sent to these hospitals with their compliments.

These civilian Santa Clauses are Robert F. Molitor, of Cleveland, who sent payment for a one year subscription, Kenneth Minuse of New York City who is paying for three one year subscriptions, Allan Thoreson of Petersen, Minn. with a one year subscription, Richard Lombardi of Bronx, N.Y. with two one year subscriptions, Mrs. C. A. Phillips with a one year subscription, J. D. Swartz, Wadsworth, Ohio with a one year subscription, and Sidney Belmont of St. Louis, Mo. with two one year subscriptions.

These fine people have made it possible for some group of veterans, or individual veteran to enjoy reading Linn's Weekly Stamp News, and are most deserving of the warmest and sincerest of compliments for their thoughtfulness. To them go the orchids for this week!

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Since 1943, when the first of these issues appeared, for use in Italy, the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue has listed them under both "United States," as occupation issues, and under the various foreign countries, too. As these stamps were issued by the AMG, rather than the United States, it is now believed unnecessary to give them dual listing in the Catalogues.

As a result of this decision of the Catalogue editors, Gordon Harmer, president of Scott Publications, reports that the recent AMG issue for Trieste will appear in the December chronicle under "Trieste."

For the American and National Albums, no further AMG issues will be included in the regular supplements. However, special supplements covering all of the AMG issues from 1943 to the present, will be provided eventually for both of these albums.

In the International Album, Part II, future editions will place the AMG issues under the respective countries occupied, rather than under "United States."

The set of Austrian postage dues Nos. J189-203 were so listed because they were issued by the Renner Government and not by the AMG.

DEALER BULLETIN IS VERY CHRISTMASSY

A dealer who gave his customers a bit of Christmas atmosphere with the bulletin that he mailed containing his offers for the month of December was Stanley Sholtmir of New York City. It was very Christmassy. It had scenes from the Nativity, Santa Claus, Holly, Stars and best of all seemed to have some very worthwhile offers in recent issues of the world. They seemed to be priced well enough to come under the heading of a Christmas present from Mr. Sholtmir to his customers.

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US NOTES

BY CARL P. RUETH

A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE COLLECTORS IN THE CHICAGO AREA. I believe that it is about time that the stamp collectors in the Chicago area take it upon themselves to give a lot of consideration to a suggestion that I would like to make to them. In a way, when the Chicago area is thought of, the intrepretation takes in those adjacent sections of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin that lie within the influence of the Windy City. I'd like to make it a bit more broader than that, and include the Mid-west.

The suggestion? I'd like to see the collectors of the above area start making plans to hold the next International Philatelic Exhibition in Chicago. The idea a little bit early? Not at all, even though the next International Exhibition will not be held in this country until about 1956.

You just don't plan, hold and finance International Exhibitions at the flip of a calendar leaf. Ask the New York boys about that. It takes experience, ideas, enthusiasm and muscle to put on one of these celebrations. The experience comes from putting on large scale shows, and it wouldn't be a bad idea for Chicago to entertain the SPA, the APS and put on a few national exhibitions of its own as the combined efforts of all the Chicago and adjacent territory clubs. No better way is known than this to discover the brains, and the persons to depend on, such as a show of International size needs.

Ideas? Chicagoland, nor its people can never be accused of a lack of smart ideas. It seems as if the air out in this part of the United States is full of them, and very few pass the eager eyes of the citizens. The same goes for the Midwest enthusiasm—everyone in this section seems to be ready to go at the drop of a stamp tongs. As for muscle, that is the priceless ingredient of the success of any large scale endeavor, and there are enough collectors and willing workers in this area to put on and build a superb show.

So how about it Chicago? How about starting now to get organized? Clip out this part of the column and shove it under the nose of every collector that ever heard of a stamp or a stamp show. This column would be pleased to hear of your thoughts on the matter, and whether it could help.

There are thousands of readers of this paper from whom an expression of opinion about the above suggestion would be welcome. A penny mailing card to me will be evidence of your approval that can be shown to the Chicago group. Chicago is central to practically all of the United States, and a swell place to spend some time. So whatever part of the country you are in, and that includes Canada, give your reaction to the above suggestion.

The New York bunch are especially invited to get on the band wagon, since it wouldn't hurt them to see what gives, on the other side of the Hudson river!

The quiz? Gee whiz!

1. Was it the first issue of United States air mail stamps in 1918 that had the 24c value with the inverted center, or was it the second issue released in 1923?

2. Have there been other air mail stamps besides the 1946 (large) and the 1947 ("pint size") issues of a 5c value?

So the Post Office Department finally broke down and decided to give the small airmail stamp in coil form a first day. Sorta suspect the pressure from the philatelic publications, the dealers and the collectors brought this on. If you want a first day for the same stamp in booklet pane form, tell the Postmaster General about it.

A reader who has been following the inroads of metered mail by keeping statistics on what is received in his place of business, informs us that the percentage total is increasing relentlessly in favor of the robot. Horrible thought occurs! As bad as some of our commemoratives are now, think what they would be if run off on a meter. Rise, fellow collectors, and destroy the monster.

Note is taken of a "cold war" right here in our dampish East. Seems as if the good burghers of Baltimore, and of Frederick, Md. are battling for the first day privileges of the Francis Scott Key stamp. The Post Office Department can stop this war right in its tracks by deciding to hold the first day of issue right here in Sidney, Ohio. I should have the honor of receiving the first sheet of the stamps for that suggestion, no?

Anent the same stamp, I note that Robert E. Fellers, Supt of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has sent out a call to all persons to give him designs and suggestions to be used for the F. S. Key stamp. No wonder our commems are third rate in design. They certainly didn't call in the public to offer ideas for the design and the construction of the Post Office Department Building. They called in architects and engineers. Let's turn our stamp designing over to qualified artists. Forget about the amateur pressure groups with their mediocre designs, and let experts do the job.

A salute to Gordon Harmer of Scott publications for his wide open approach to suggestions for the improvement of the Scott catalogs. The recent decision to place the AMG's with the countries in which they were used, rather than under the US listings, is in line with collector suggestions. He is going along on other things also.

Collector Albert K. Jones reports that he has a vertical block of six stamps of the NRA issue from the center of the sheet. One stamp, he says, varies in spacing from the others in a vertical direction. The middle stamp on one side of the block is 2mm from the stamp above it, while it is 3mm distant from the stamp below it. All other positions on the sheet measure 2½mm. He and the postal clerk was able to find but two others at the time. Scott catalog, and the Johl book don't mention this. Can you help Mr. Jones? Address is 16 Lake Ave., Middletown, N. Y.

Answers? Yep!

1. It was the first issue of 1918, on stamp C3a, by the Scott catalog.

2. There have been three others besides the two mentioned. These are the 1928 carmine and blue showing an airmail beacon (C11), the 1930 issue in violet picturing a winged globe (C12), and the 1931-2 issue of the winged globe design, but printed on the rotary presses (C16).

Single resolution for the new year. To campaign for the spelling of catalogue, as CATALOG. The "ue" is superfluous and ugly.

Chance For Readers To Make Child Happy

X. Y. Z. writes: "I want to ask your help to make additionally happy the Christmas of a little Cleveland girl—Loretta Rutkowski, now 12 years old. On December 26, 1944, she was burned painfully in a fire. Every day since that date she has been in a Cleveland hospital, slowly recovering under the care of doctors and nurses who have worked and prayed over her with as much devotion as though she were their own child. At last she is going home to her real family. Let's send her a shower of Christmas cards in care of the Postmaster, Cleveland, Ohio. I am sure that he will see to it that they reach her on Christmas Eve."

Christmas Greeting Is Very Original

Originality is generally always appreciated, and that is the reason that the Christmas Greeting from George W. Purcell and Family of Bloomington, Ind. strikes one as being quite clever. Mr. Purcell has patterned his greeting in the form of an album page from a stamp collection and on it he printed stamp outlines in which have been placed the pictures of himself and Mrs. Purcell, his children with their wives, and the grand children. Very cleverly done and very cleverly worded.

Mr. Purcell bears several distinctions among which is the fact that he has been the postmaster for the past 15 years, and is also an ex-President of the National Association of Postmasters. He is a long time subscriber of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, too!

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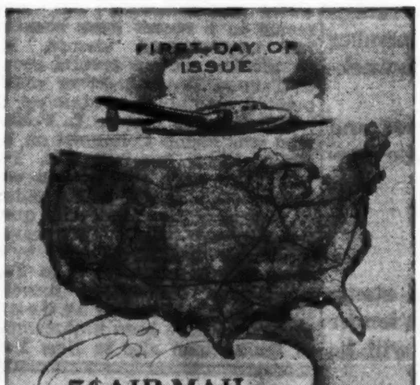

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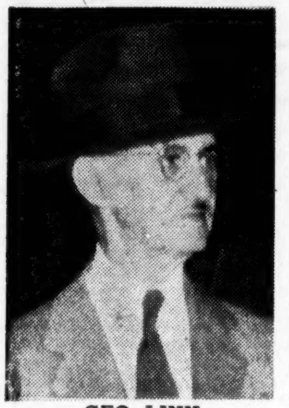
One Example Of How A Real ASDA Could Work

In a recent editorial we stated that there were so many things a real Dealers Association could do that would be of benefit to the collector that we felt justified in using up a lot of editorial space in prodding the ASDA to become a real business men's organization. Let us give one example that a sound ASDA can remedy and it is a situation that is called to our attention many times each month. In our issue of November 3 a dealer offered British Peace sets at $4.00 per set. On receipt of our paper a collector immediately sent a check for $8.00 for two sets. The check was cashed promptly. In the same letter the collector also inquired about other Br. Colonies he wanted. By December 2, the stamps had not yet arrived and there had been no acknowledgement of the order, so the collector wrote the dealer again and asked if he should not have had his order filled by that time. On December 9th the collector received a blank envelope addressed to him with a check for $8.00 in it and not a word of explanation.



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The collector says he thinks this is very shabby treatment. We agree with him. We also state that the advertiser is one who uses large space with us, frequently using a page. Point we want to make is that this kind of business is NOT PROPER BUSINESS. It makes the dealer look like a four year old, not yet dry behind the ears and it makes the whole stamp trade look like it might be run by a bunch of fifteen year old kids who have never learned decent business practice.

A sound ASDA could remedy these situations. Here is how. The ASDA can charge weekly stamp papers fifty to $100 per year for membership and all will pay it. This money can then be used by the ASDA to advertise in all weekly papers with a brief announcement stating, "Mr. Collector—You can deal with ASDA members with the complete assurance that you will be given prompt and courteous service and complete satisfaction in the handling of your orders. When you buy, look look for the ASDA membership symbol. Patronize ASDA members and be sure of proper service." Also the announcement could add, "If you have complaints of service against ASDA members report direct to the Secretary of the ASDA, not to the publishers." Then give the Secretary's address.

Follow up this kind of advertising by soliciting memberships in the ASDA and then see that the members who are accepted DO OPERATE LIKE MATURE BUSINESS MEN. A year of this kind of operation will bring into the Association about every worth while dealer there is and will at the same time doubtless drive most of the available business to those dealers who are members.

Then let the ASDA set up a code of business practices that they will insist be followed by anyone who is a member or drop them from the rolls and publish that fact in the weekly papers as a news item.

We will cooperate 100% on a program of this sort and we know it will be appreciated by the collectors who support the dealers.

Allied Military Government Stamps

Scott publications now announce that the AMG stamp issues for Italy, Austria, Germany and France will no longer be listed under United States, but that each issue will be listed under the country in which it was used.

This is a step in the right direction for we have always maintained that these were no more stamps of the United States than they were stamps of any other one of the Allied Governments that was concerned.

Still we consider the new listing as incorrect in that the stamps were not issues of any of the countries in which they were used, but were issues of the Allied Military Government which temporarily occupied and ruled the various countries and it has always been our contention that they should all be listed under a heading of Allied Military Government of World War II.

Policing The Stamp Trade

In the December 10 Stamp Wholesaler Mr. David Lidman suggests that either the National Stamp Societies through a group plan, find a way to police the stamp trade or that we have a Philatelic "Judge Landis."

This latter suggestion, we believe was first made in our columns many months ago. Stamp collectors should not forget that it was Linn's Weekly Stamp News that first started this present round of attacks on spurious stamp issues but that much of the thunder we created has been appropriated by others without proper credit to this paper.

Our own belief is that a sound Dealers Organization can properly police the trade and do it with no great effort whereas if in the hands of a committee of the various National Societies it never would get attention as needed. Anyhow, a dealer does not want to have to be managed by a collector group and can manage this matter himself if there is proper effort made to do it. If this does not come to pass, then the dealers can expect some day to have the collectors rise up in their might and do some things that will be a lot more detrimental to their methods of doing business than if they will get down to business themselves and correct their own faults.

Catalogue Recognition Dependent On Whim Of Current Publishers

There has always been and probably always will be disagreement between various persons as to the status of certain stamps. For many years past the Scott Catalog had been governed by the whims of Mr. Hugh M. Clark. Since Mr. Clark is no longer the Editor of the catalog the question as to whether this or that stamp will be recognized is in the hands of Mr. Gordon Harmer.

Were Mr. Harmer still in his home town of London, we would believe he would stand by the Gibbons catalogue as being the right and proper catalog. The question now arises, since Mr. Harmer is to edit our United States Catalogue, whether he will form his own opinions or follow the beliefs that we presumed he carried while still in London.

Whatever his decision we who use the catalogue will of course have to put up with it, but we do believe that a great good could be done if the catalogue publishers would prepare a statement which would cover in every way, the qualities that any stamp or stamp issue must possess in order that it will be recognized in the catalogue. The reasons no such statements have ever been made is probably because of the fact that probably no publisher could ever prepare a statement to which either he could, or would live up to, himself, or he would find himself so tangled up within a short time that the statement would have no authority or meaning.

It is for this reason that we feel that the cataloguing of this or that stamp has always been due to the whim of the current publisher of the catalogue and this whim changes as the mood of the publisher changes, due to many reasons beyond his control.

The old question concerning the stamps of Tannou Touva is again called to our attention by Mr. Bela Sekula of the Stamp Import and Export Corporation of New York. Mr. Sekula is one of the foremost stamp dealers in the world and following our comments in a recent issue concerning uncatalogued stamps, Mr. Sekula has sent us several covers of Tannou Touva together with a printed pamphlet containing an article by Mr. Eugene L. Pollock who was stamp Columnist on the Philadelphia Inquirer. Mr. Pollock gives some able reasons why these stamps should be recognized as well as many others of as questionable a quality. The covers which Mr. Sekula submits to us are properly postmarked in Tannou Touva and have traveled through the International Mails and have been backstamped in Switzerland also in New York City. Several of the covers are registered covers, bearing proper registered backstamps.

The covers or rather the stamps smack of recent Russian art and Russian stamps and in so far as we are able to determine by what we have seen of modern Russian stamps on covers, these Touva stamps are certainly as legitimate as the current Russians for practically all of these that are offered used in this country are canceled to order and we have not found them being offered liberally on registered covers as are these Touva stamps.

What we need most is an unbiased listing of stamps that can be shown to have been properly used through the mails. In this respect we recently called the attention of Mr. Harmer to a certain Liberian stamp which we possessed used on cover, three different covers mailed by Diplomatic Pouch from Liberia to Washington and thence to California. The stamps were used on letters from an American Auditor who was sent to Liberia to clean up some mess in their financial affairs and were on letters mailed home to relatives, yet Mr. Harmer stated that they could not recognize the stamps.

What we need is a catalogue that will list stamps that have been issued and used by a government and not a list of what the publisher chooses to list.

Big Demand For The Everglades Stamp

The citizens of Florida, especially those of Miami, went for the New Everglades Park commemorative in a big way, writes Troy Huffman of that city. A total of 600,000 of them was sold in the first two days after the Florida City first day, and the demand still continues strong. Many of the persons who purchased the stamps advised that they intended to use them for their Christmas mail.

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To use this list as a check list you may check in the boxes "□" after the numbers to indicate possession of Mint or Used copies, Pairs, Blocks or Covers. Thus this list can serve as a complete check list at all times.

AUSTRIA

SPECIAL DELIVERY

E1 ____□ E2 ____□
E1a ____□

BOLIVIA

205 ____□ 206a ____□
206 ____□

AIR POST

C72 ____□ C81 ____□
C72a ____□

POSTAGE DUE

J1 ____□ J6 ____□
J2 ____□ J7 ____□
J3 ____□ J7a ____□
J4 ____□ J8 ____□
J5 ____□ J9 ____□

BRAZIL

B12 ____□

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

1 ____□ 5 ____□
2 ____□ 5a ____□
3 ____□ 5b ____□
3a ____□ 5c ____□
4 ____□ 6 ____□
6a ____□ 12 ____□
6b ____□ 12a ____□
7 ____□ 13 ____□
7a ____□ 13a ____□
7b ____□ 14 ____□
9 ____□ 15 ____□
9a ____□ 15a ____□
9b ____□

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC

36 ____□ 60 ____□
59 ____□ 61 ____□

COSTA RICA

158 ____□ 182 ____□
159 ____□ 183 ____□
160 ____□ 183a ____□
161 ____□ 183b ____□
179 ____□ 183c ____□
180 ____□ 183d ____□
181 ____□ 186 ____□

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

SEMI-POSTAL

B32 ____□ B33 ____□

PERSONAL DELIVERY

EX1 ____□ EX2 ____□

BOHEMIA & MORAVIA

PERSONAL DELIVERY

EX1 ____□ EX2 ____□

SLOVAKIA

EX1 ____□ EX2 ____□

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

299 ____□ 317 ____□
299a ____□

AIR POST

C34 ____□ C34a ____□

DUTCH INDIES

AIR POST

C18 ____□

ECUADOR

175 ____□ 353 ____□
176 ____□ 354 ____□
177 ____□ 355 ____□
178 ____□ 356 ____□
179 ____□ 357 ____□
352 ____□

AIR POST

C19 ____□ C22 ____□
C20 ____□ C23 ____□
C21 ____□ C24 ____□

ESTONIA

AIR POST

C1 ____□ (8a) ____□
(1a) ____□ (8b) ____□
C2 ____□ C9 ____□
C3 ____□ C10 ____□
C4 ____□ C11 ____□
C5 ____□ C12 ____□
(5a) ____□ C13 ____□
C6 ____□ C14 ____□
(6a) ____□ C15 ____□
C7 ____□ C16 ____□
(7a) ____□ C17 ____□
C8 ____□ C18 ____□

FIUME

NEWSPAPER STAMPS

P2 ____□ P4a ____□
P3 ____□ (Also known unperforated)
P4 ____□

FRANCE

AIR POST

(399) ____□ (341) ____□
(340) ____□ (342) ____□
(343) ____□ (346) ____□
(344) ____□ (346a) ____□
(345) ____□

GUATEMALA

OFFICIALS

O6 ____□ O10 ____□
O7 ____□ O11 ____□
O8 ____□ O12 ____□
O9 ____□

ICELAND

AIR POST

C2 ____□ C2a ____□

AIR POST OFFICIALS

CO1 ____□ (501b) ____□
CO1a ____□

INDIA - BHOPAL

OFFICIALS

O30 ____□ O42 ____□
O31 ____□ O45 ____□

LATVIA

AIR POST

C1 ____□ (21) ____□
C1a ____□ (22) ____□
C1b ____□ (23) ____□
C2 ____□ (24) ____□
C2a ____□ (25) ____□
C2b ____□ (26) ____□
C3 ____□ (46) ____□
C4 ____□ (47) ____□
C5 ____□ (48) ____□
C5a ____□ (49) ____□
C6 ____□ (50) ____□
C7 ____□ (59) ____□
C8 ____□ (60) ____□
(15) ____□ (61) ____□
(16) ____□ (62) ____□
(17) ____□ (63) ____□
(18) ____□ (64) ____□
(19) ____□ (65) ____□
(20) ____□ (66) ____□
(20a) ____□

LIBERIA

52 ____□ 127d ____□
53 ____□ 127E ____□
69 ____□ 162 ____□
118 ____□ 162a ____□
118a ____□ 169 ____□
118b ____□ 242 ____□
125 ____□ 243 ____□
126 ____□ 244 ____□
126a ____□ 245 ____□
126B ____□ 246 ____□
127 ____□ 247 ____□
127a ____□ 271 ____□
127b ____□ 272 ____□
127c ____□ 273 ____□

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B1 ☐	B2 ☐
B1a ☐	B2a ☐
B1b ☐	B9 ☐
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The press on which the souvenir sheets are being printed in Japan must certainly be working 27 hours a day, for once again they have taken this means to commemorate an event there. The above sheet was issued on November 1 to commemorate the week long philatelic exhibition on the Island of Hokkaido, the large northerly island of the Japanese archipelago. The five stamps on the sheet are all of the same design and denomination; they are each of a 1 En value and depict Mt. Fuji, Japan's sacred mountain. Color of the stamps and of the inscription on the sheet are all the same and is a pale blue. The above was sent through the courtesy of Fred Weidman, who is stationed in Japan.

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NYASALAND. The new one pence postage stamp of the familiar Leopard type has been released in light green and red brown to replace the unpopular stamp with picture of a native soldier. The superceded stamp, Scott's No. 69 was in use only a short time and should be bought while still available.

WEST INDIES POSTMARKS. Stamp Collecting lists some of the scarce postmarks from St. Vincents as Bequia, Canouan, Mayreau and Union. From Grenada—Carriacou, Dover, Belmont and Petit Martinique.

CAMEROONS. This same magazine reports that stamps of Nigeria with certain cancellations show use in the British Mandate of Cameroons. These are Bai, Bakeba, Bamenda, Buca, Kamba, Mallam Maduri, Mayuka, Ndian, Nsaw, Nyasoso, Tiko and Victoria. Since the end of World War I, Cameroons has used the stamps of Nigeria.

TRANSJORDAN. The promised commemorative set has been released and is already scarce as the issue was quite small. Even the largest dealers got less than 3 percent of some values and only about 4 percent of the other values on their large advance orders. Very few dealers here will be able to supply this set. ? ?

CEYLON. The new Constitution Commemorative set has just been released and should arrive in this country soon. There are four values, 6c, 10c, 15c and 25c. These stamps will be on sale until June 30th 1948 or until stocks are exhausted whichever is the earlier. During the currency of these stamps, the corresponding values of the regular issue will not be available.

VIRGIN ISLANDS. The new 10 shilling and one pound stamps have just been released and should be available here soon.

SINGAPORE-MALAYA. The new stamps recently reported in this column are now in process of printing and should be released soon.

Many Fine Exhibits At Inglewood Show

Award winners at the recent Inglewood Philatelic Society's Exhibition were as follows:

The E. S. Dixon Perpetual Trophy, Grand Award of the show, was won by Mr. Joseph Goodyear for his exhibit on the Channel Islands. The Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce trophy for the best exhibit in the Speciality Division was awarded to Mr. Roy Robinson, Sr. for his exhibit of air-flown Clipper covers. Mr. Goodyear took first in U. S. for his frames of 20th Century postage.

Mr. Mathew Emery, lone entrant in Air Mails was given first award. Mrs. Edna McCamley, also the lone entrant in British Empire, took first and second awards for exhibit of British Coronations and Peace and Victory series. Mr. George Schepp took first place in Foreigns for frames of Austria.

Other winners were Mr. Monahan and Mr. Alfred Schnauss in the U. S. class, Mr. Charles E. Hall, Mr. Andrew Benson and Mr. D. K. Scott.

Picture On Stamp Bears A Legend

When the picture of the stamp above was shown in the pages of this paper for the first time, it was remarked that our correspondent in Germany was not able to get the detail about the design depicted thereon. From Newcastle, Ind., we have a reader who recognizes the scene shown, and is able to furnish a story, or a legend in connection with the scene. This gentleman is Albert Fischel. Mr. Fischel remarks that he has been in that section of Germany many times and believes that he recognizes the territory and the picture quite well.

The legend as reconstructed from the information supplied by Mr. Fischel is that the rock is a natural formation in the Palitinate forest near Pirmasens. It is known in the region as the "JUNGFERN SPRUNG," or in English, "Maiden Jump." Many, many years ago a farmer's daughter kept a tryst with her suitor atop this rock formation. When his advances became too ardent, her only means of escaping to preserve her honor was to jump from this lofty place, which she did. Fact, or fancy, that is the story behind the stamp.

Danzig issued a set of stamps (Scotts #216-217) to commemorate the 125 anniversary of a village. How many villages in the United States could do the same and mulct the stamp collectors!

Chambers Collection Of Rhode Island Covers To Society

"I give and bequeath to the Rhode Island Historical Society that portion of my stamp collection which consists of Rhode Island covers and is marked 'R. I. Collection'."

This paragraph in the will of the late Prof. Robert F. Chambers of Brown University insures the preservation intact of a collection that is unique not only for its philatelic interest but also because it is a concise and interesting history of the postal service of Rhode Island.

The collection has already been transferred to the Historical Societys rooms, where it becomes a fitting companion for the famous Slater Collection of Providence Postmaster stamps.

Dr. Chambers probably had this in mind when he dictated his will. His extensive philatelic library he left to Brown University, the remainder of his stamps and stampless covers—on these he was nationally recognized as an authority—will be sold for his estate.

Supplementing his own collection of Rhode Island markings, Dr. Chambers a few years ago purchased the collection of Providence covers assembled by Dr. Stephen A. Welch. This is included in the albums bequeathed to the Historical Society.

The combined collection fills 11 volumes. Two contain only Providence-marked covers; two, Newport covers; one, Pawtucket covers, and one, covers mailed in Warren and Bristol. The other five volumes contain markings, both manuscript and stamped, from other Rhode Island villages and towns ranging alphabetically from Abbott Run to Wyoming.

Earliest items in the Providence albums are letters addressed to Abraham Lincoln, Esq., Worcester, Mass., dated Oct. 12 and Nov. 16, 1792. The first hand-stamped Providence cover with circle type marking is of October, 1799. This same hand stamp, according to Dr. Chambers' marginal note, was used as a receiving mark in 1801 on a letter mailed from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Brown & Ives in this city; this letter also being in the albums.

Other Providence circle stamps, all represented on covers, date to 1811-1813, 1814-1823, 1823-1831, 1827-1831 and 1831 of which there were two types. Another circle-type handstamp was in use between 1832 and 1857, having several variations, and appearing in various colors. Other circles appeared in 1850-1853 and 1852-1854.

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Regulating Body Proposed To Control Commercial Philately

In its issue of December 10, "The Stamp Wholesaler" presents an article in which it is suggested that there should be more co-ordination between philatelic societies in America in efforts to curb crimes against the hobby. The article also suggests that the hobby might stand a philatelic "Judge Landis."

The proposals were made in connection with the recently published charges against the J. & H. Stolow firm in which they were accused of attempting to buy up most of an issue of Costa Rica Roosevelt stamps. The December 10 article in "The Stamp Wholesaler" carries the answer that the Stolows made to the charges, this answer being presented to those publications that had printed the original charges, made by the American Philatelic society.

The article states, in part: "While the A. P. S. was supported by S. P. A. and other national societies in its efforts to curb 'rigging' and or fraudulent practices, there was no concentration of effort to bring about an end to these practices. It apparently was left in the hands of the A. P. S. to do the work—although it is possible that others of the national societies are doing the same. If this last is true—if other national societies are duplicating the efforts of A. P. S.—would it not have been better to have organized a co-ordinating committee of all such groups so that when necessary to open the attack, the brunt would not fall upon one group, and even its 10,000 members, a group representing only a small portion of American collectors?. . .

The article continued: "If collectors did give a hoot about their hobby, they would be up in arms about charges of 'rigging' issues, or insist on definite action by their societies against any fraudulent practices. Generally the attitude is "Let George Do it!' "

It was then suggested that "George" should be either a co-ordinating committee of the national societies, A. P. S., the Society of Philatelic Americans, the Collectors Club of New York, the American Air Mail Society, the Aero Philatelists, the Bureau Issues Association, the Precancel Stamp Society, and especially the American Stamp Dealers' Association.

"Such a co-ordinating committee," the article states "could certainly take up these matters and when necessary to act would represent all of organized philately—although even those represented in organized philately are still a small portion of those actively participating in the hobby."

"Such a co-ordinating committee could have brought these charges against the firm of J. & H. Stolow before that firm and demanded an explanation. If as Mr. Kenny (Finbar Kenny, General Manager of the J. & H. Stolow firm) has stated in his open letter the J. & H. Stolow files of correspondence are available for such an inquiry, the co-ordinating committee could have had both sides of the picture. Frankly, so could the A. P. S. . . .

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PLEASE NOTE that requests for mint Royal Marriage stamps and mixed orders for Royal Marriage stamps and previous issues, sent to the Philatelic Division, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, also requests for First Day Cover Service, sent to the Postmaster at Ottawa, cannot therefore be complied with before Monday, 16th February, 1948.

Prominent Collector Is Called By Death

One of the older, and at one time very active members of the American Philatelic Society, Herbert W. Marston, succumbed to a heart attack at Los Angeles, Calif. on December 8. He had only recently moved there from Burbank, Calif. Mr. Marston was a well known figure at the annual conventions of the APS in the early part of this century, and had a host of friends within its ranks. He was born in Massachusetts. He lived for many years in St. Louis, Mo. where he was a life member of the Mound City Stamp Club.

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426 ______☐ 430 ______☐
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(3) ______☐ (10) ______☐
(5) ______☐ (12) ______☐
(5a) ______☐
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(9) ______☐
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21 ______☐ 22 ______☐

URUGUAY

447 ______☐ 450 ______☐
447a ______☐ 450a ______☐
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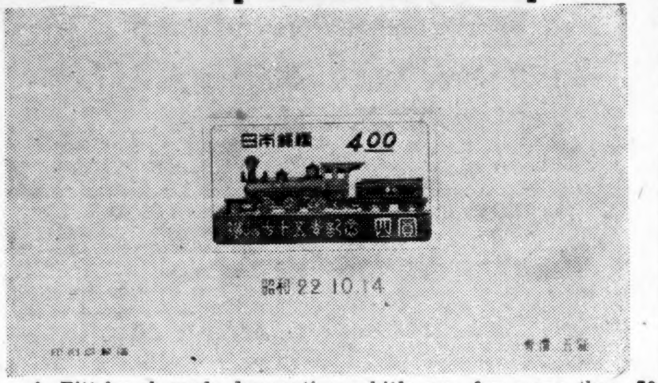

A Pittsburgh-made locomotive which ran for more than 50 years in the "Land of the Rising Sun" is immortalized on an issue of a Japanese souvenir sheet.

Four-yen, the stamp (eight cents in U. S. money) was issued in observance of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the railway system in Japan.

Pictured on the stamp is a 15-ton Mogul-type locomotive built by the H. K. Porter Co. in 1880. The manufacturer's name plate on the side of the smoke box bears the number 369 and is inscribed "H. K. Porter & Co's Locomotive Works, H. N. Sprague, Supt., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1880."

The locomotive is a funnel-stacked, kerosene-headlighted relic that was used in Japan's northern islands of Hokkaido.

Specifications of the engine contained in early records reveal that the locomotive has 36-inch wheels, a 42-inch gauge, and 12 x 16 cylinders. It is a steam-powered coal burner with a tender tank of 1050-gallon capacity. The locomotive, which for the past ten years has been on display in the Transportation Ministry Museum in Tokyo, contains Westinghouse air brakes, records show.

Named Benkei for a Jap warrior noted for his Herculean strength in battles around 1185, it was one of six engines shipped to Japan in 1880.

The Benkei went into service in 1881 in Hokkaido, a 21-mile stretch of track between Saporo and Temiya that had been laid the year before under the direction of an American engineer, Joseph U. Crawford.

In 1885 the locomotive gained considerable fame by pulling the train in which the Emperor Meiji rode on his first inspection tour of Hokkaido.

City's Bicentennial To Be Advertised With Stamp Canceler

Practically every piece of mail leaving Reading, Pa. during 1948 will carry a cancellation mark advertising the city's Bicentennial celebration.

William P. Eisenbrown, president of the Reading Stamp Collectors Club, presented a die to Postmaster Walter A. Ringler for use in the cancellation machine at the Reading Post Office. The inscription on the canceler is "Reading, Pa. Bicentennial—1948."

Ringler said the die was used for the first time December 10, 1947. He pointed out that approximately 10,000 letters an hour flying through the cancellation machine will carry the Bicentennial word wherever the mail is destined to go.

Meanwhile, Alfred Stern, Bicentennial director, said that contract has been concluded with the firm supplying equipment to business places and industries which meter their own mail. The firm will supply appropriate dies to those places, so that almost without exception, the mail leaving Reading will be cancelled with the Bicentennial reminder.

Eisenbrown said the die, also known as a "killer" because it "kills" the stamps on the envelope, was purchased by the stamp collectors club. Permission to use the die in Reading was granted by the Post Office Department, he said, as a result of the efforts of Congressman Frederick A. Muhlenberg.

Few cities can boast of ever having had the honor of cancelling stamps with a die commemorating a historic event such as Reading's 200th anniversary, Eisenbrown declared.

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What appears to come about as the result of collector demands is the announcement from the Post Office Department that it is preparing to issue the current 5c airmail stamp (small size) in coils, perforated horizontally. These will be released through the Washington, D. C. post office on January 15, 1948. It is thought that the Department had not planned any special event with the issuance of this stamp in the coil form, but when it was brought to light that the Department was preparing for the release of such a stamp soon, the suggestions of the collectors inspired by the philatelic press were heeded by the POD.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the 5-cent coil stamp on January 15, 1948, may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with postal note or money remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment. Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers." Collectors should refrain from requesting hand cancellations since covers will be machine canceled as far as practicable. Orders for first-day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

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of trying to read it. Another type of advertisement that loses a lot of its possible effectiveness is a mere listing of catalog numbers with prices. Probably not 25 percent of the collectors who read these advertisements have a catalogue so they do not know what you are offering, but if your offers are of a descriptive nature they can figure out the stamps offered.

Another type of advertising that is less apt to bring business than many other kinds is the offering of the very newest and latest issues of stamps. Now most dealers would say that the collector wants the new issues. Sure he does, but such a large volume of all advertising is along this line that the competition is more keen in selling this line of stamps than any other and thus your chances are cut down to a greater extent than in most other kinds of offers.

It was this type of dealer who kicked because we knocked the questionable Roosevelt issues, they were new stuff and knocking them hurt other new stuff for they were bought mostly by the type of collector who bought new stuff to the exclusion of other things and naturally all new stuff suffered.

In other words, there are a large mass of people who call themselves stamp dealers, whose stock in trade is almost limited to the new issue material that comes along week after week. If each of these dealers would take on some one single specialty to help back up their new issue selling they would eventually learn a lot more about stamps and would be on the way to becoming a more sound dealer themselves.

All this stuff about stamp collecting being fun and that we should collect for fun is nice to hand out and is O. K. so long as it is nickle and dime business but when a collector realizes that he has two or three thousand dollars tied up in his stamps he has a right to think of their future value and to attempt to buy with the idea of supporting that value and the sooner the stamp trade realizes this the better it will be.

Many readers of Linn's are of this type despite the statement made by the dealer who wants to tell other dealers his inner secrets.

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The most recent evidence we have that Linn readers are buyers of choice and high priced stamps is in a letter dated December 9, 1947.

This letter is from a dealer who seldom used more than a two inch space with us in the past. He took the notion that he would try a full page which was printed in our issue of December 1st. Just eight days before the date of the letter we are referring to.

This dealer has always had a splendid reputation for square shooting and he knows stamps as few others know them. He writes as follows: "I am not speaking with the idea of being quoted", (thus we must leave his name out of it.) for I think too many people know our friendship for each other to realize that a testimonial would mean nothing." (That statement seems to indicate that this dealer thinks if he states a fact that is favorable to us that people would think him a liar just becaues they might know that he was a friend. Anyhow read on and see, for this man is telling a truth that could teach other stamp dealers something about the stamp business.) "I am just telling you for your own edification that I have been simply AMAZED at the results of my full page ad in your recent issue." (Just 8 days ago.) "I am not exaggerating that Mrs.——and I have had to work every single night since it appeared until well past midnight just filling orders that have come in. I keep a very close account of the amount of business done from this ad as every item offered was keyed. I can tell you that for every dollar expended on the ad itself, to date $20 in business has resulted, and the orders as yet show not the slightest sign of slackening. In addition I have made more new customers THAN OUT OF ANY SINGLE AD I CAN EVER REMEMBER HAVING RUN."

"I have not been the least bit reluctant to tell my friends of my satisfaction so when you get new advertising contracts from—and ——, and one or two others among my friends, you can chalk that up as well from this particular ad."

"I will be back in another early issue as there certainly appears to be plenty of stamp business around for those that want to look for it instead of simply complaining about business."

There is the story then. This advertisement was of high quality material of a kind that any collector can buy with safety and feel that he has a good chance of reselling at a profit over cost in future years.

Let's sort of check over this advertisement and see what is offered. The stamps were good quality U. S. priced from as low as 50c and up to $12.50 per item. In all only about 20 to 25 different items were offered on the full page, the entire advertisement was readable and interesting to read. So as our pleased patron says, there is plenty of money looking for the right kind of stamps if you have them to offer as he is doing is going to make him a host of friends for we have far too many complaints from collectors of the lax business methods, or lack of business methods of too many people who represent themselves as stamp dealers.

If you are good at figures you can easily multiply the $20 that he mentions by the rate per page and come up with the astonishing fact that already this advertisement in eight days time has produced around $1500.00 in cash orders and with orders still coming may come close to double that amount.

VERY HANDY MAN WITH A CAMERA

In reply to inquiries received in regard to the new picture of Mr. Linn which is shown with his editorial each week, readers are informed that it was taken from a larger one that was snapped by Richard Fullerton at the Dayton Philatelic Exhibition in Dayton in October. Fullerton has taken and furnished several of the other pictures that have appeared in this paper. Besides his excellent news photographs, Mr. Fullerton also specializes in the photographing of stamps, and the making of Kodachrome color slides used for stamp lectures and other purposes.

Just recently he completed a series of over a hundred slides which are now being used by Arthur Engler, one of the country's foremost engravers, for use with his lecture on engraving. Interested persons might write to Mr. Fullerton at 38 S. Quentin Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

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In the 31st edition of the Bureau Catalog there are 28 OHIO cities using Bureau Precancels in 55 Types. Count your state and let me know. We will use it in our notes.

Lebanon, Indiana used a Precancelled Government Post Card in March and April of 1937. Did you ever see one? The March card announced a spring Roundup of Precancel collectors in Indianapolis, and the April card for a meet in Cincinnati.

Two sided straight edges are getting some attention now by collectors. In times past these stamps were discards: actually only one of these existed in each sheet. These went out with the rotary press issues. Personally I save only the ones that show a trace of color on both sides as it is too easy for someone handy with a scissors to trim the adjacent side of a one-sided straight edge. Now instead of a discount on this kind of material you are apt to get a 50 to 100 percent increase in price, if you are a buyer.

If you put off starting that Precancel collection, over the Holidays would be a good time to take an inventory and see what you have. And speaking of Holidays your Precancel Editor extends the seasons greetings and many of them.

One-Day Precancel Round-up In New York In Mid-January 1948

The New York Precancel stamp Club is holding a one-day Midwinter Precancel Roundup on Sunday, January 18, 1948, all day at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd St., New York City. This is right at the 23rd St. station of the 8th Avenue Subway. The meeting will go on continuously from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

No program to conflict with unrestricted bourse activity, or swapping, is planned. Collectors are invited to come with their swapping stock and their collections—and to enjoy the day and get stamps that they want.

The meeting is open to all comers, whether precancel collectors or not. Collectors of U. S. postage are invited specially. to meet active precancel collectors and see the possibilities of the field. Many of the precancel collectors present also collect in the general postage field.

There are ample lunch and dinner facilities both in the hotel and in nearby restaurants, of all varieties and price ranges.

If a collector cannot come for the whole time, that collector should come for as much of it as possible. The high spot of activity will probably be from 2:30 to 5 p. m. but those who come in the morning will get many chances for good swaps ahead of the late comers.

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Another evidence of some smart operation in the affairs of the Post Office Department is the initiative and originality displayed by the Postmaster of Houston, Texas. The above cover is the result of these attributes. It was mailed on the first day of service of Houston's "Drive-In" Parcel Post Mailing Station, and came through the courtesy of R. W. Barnhill of that city.

In order to cope with the tremendous load that the Houston Post Office must handle during the Christmas season, Postmaster Granville Elder rented the Coliseum Annex from the city, for the duration of the peak season. The original intention was to occupy the second floor only for parcel post operations. After noting some of the facilities offered by the building, Postmaster Granville decided to make experimental use of the first floor also.

Therefore, he set up twelve lanes within the building through which non-commercial parcel post customers, in other words, the ordinary citizen, could drive his car, hand his package and his money to prepay the postage on his package to a clerk, and drive on. Under the above set-up, the station is equipped to handle 180 cars per hour, or about one every four minutes. This is certainly an improvement over the time wasted standing in line in front of a window for nearly an hour, after another amount of time has been spent to find a parking place.

The station will not handle C. O. D. parcels, nor will it handle registered packages. Otherwise, it operates the same as any other parcel post window. Mr. Elder is to be complimented on his idea, which is understood to be watched with quite a bit of interest by high Post Office Department officials. The postmaster is a collector on his own, and the stampic fraternity of Houston have had the benefit of his interest many times.

Tractors Should Be Standard Equipment For All Post Offices

Recently, a fire at Weirdale, Sask., destroyed the building in which the post office was located, together with six other buildings. The postmaster, using a tractor with a large chain, pulled out the end of the building which housed the post office, when it caught fire. With the help of patrons, he removed parcels, valuables and other mail matter to safety. Owing to his prompt action, the post office loss was negligible.

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Three Commems Are Planned By England For Issuance In '48

An official release from the office of the Postmaster General of Great Britain, Wilfred Paling, states that three commemorative stamp issues will be released in 1948. The first of these will appear in April when a stamp will be printed to recognize and to honor the silver wedding anniversary of the king and queen. Then in May, a stamp will be released to honor the liberation of the Channel Islands, while in July a stamp to advertise and to commemorate the Olympic Games will make its appearance.

This is certainly an ambitious program for a country that has issued only seven commemorative sets of stamps in over 100 years. The first of these appeared in the year 1922 when two stamps were printed in commemoration of the British Empire Exhibition. The following year, the dates incorporated in the design were changed from 1924 to 1925 and used for the Exhibition commemoration of that year. The two issues are nearly identical except for the two different dates.

Then four years later an issue of five stamps was produced for the meeting of the Postal Union Congress. This consisted of four low values, and a One Pound stamp. Next, came the issue of four stamps in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the reign of King George V, which took place in 1935. In 1937, a single stamp was issued in honor of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

When the Centenary of British Postage Stamps occurred in 1940, a striking set of six stamps was issued by the Postal Administration. Half of the design consisted of a reproduction of the portrait found on the first British postage stamp, the Penny Black, and a portrait of King George VI. Since this celebration commemorated the world's first postage stamp, many nations joined the British with issues of their own which paid compliment to the first stamp.

Only one other commemorative issue has occurred since 1940. This was a Peace Commemorative set of two stamps, released in 1946, as a remembrance of the close of World War II.

Great Britain really does not lack the reasons, events, nor the scenery that could be commemorated, and incorporated into stamp issues. A certain amount of reserve in the number of stamps released by any country is desirable, but the English carry this reserve to the extreme. Reticence leaves the impression in the minds of collectors, and probably non-collectors as well, that the British are stuffed shirts without feeling and warmth. This it not true, of course, for they are a warm hearted people.

The "high command" of the British Postal Administration could do a lot to alter the present impression of their country that is held by many persons. A bright issue of stamps occasionally depicting the history, the famous people, the industry, and the scenery of "The Isle" would do much to make the world aware of the spirit and the advantages of their homeland. Tradition is fine in its place, but it can backfire, also.

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The Post Office Department has realeased the figures in connection with the first day sales of the new Everglades National Park commemorative stamp issued on December 5. The total cash sales amounted to $24,075.00. This represents 802,500 stamps sold, and a total of 466,657 first day covers canceled.

Annual Christmas Seals Popular Collectors Item

As each list of the entries in the various stamp shows around the country are published, it is surprising to note that a number of exhibits are given over to the showing of seals, both of the variety offered by stamp clubs in commemoration of certain occasions, and of the Christmas Seals issued by the Tuberculosis Societies all over the world. The preponderance of the interest seems to lie with the TB Seals.

Visitors to the stamp shows always seem to spend quite a bit of time in front of the frames in which the TB seals are mounted. This, no doubt is brought about by the fact that many of these issues are more attractive and colorful than the postage stamps issued by that same country. Dealers, too, are finding an increasing demand for the Tuberculosis seals, and many have and are forming specialized stocks of these popular items.

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623	.45	723	.10	776	.06	904	.08
627	.35	724	.08	777	.06	905	.05
628	.90	725	.11	778	.40	906	.25
629	.25	726	.08	782	.06	907	.04
630	19.50	727	.07	783	.06	908	.03
631	.60	728	.04	784	.04	909	.13
643	.14	729	.07	785	.02	910	.11
644	.45	730	.08	786	.03	911	.08
645	.12	731	.11	787	.06	912	.08
646	.12	732	.08	788	.07	913	.08
647	.35	733	.19	789	.09	914	.08
648	1.00	734	.25	790	.02	915	.09
649	.15	735	.18	791	.03	916	.11
650	.60	736	.08	792	.06	917	.10
651	.12	737	.06	793	.07	918	.10
653	.02	738	.08	794	.09	919	.09
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681	.08	745	.14	800	.06	925	.08
682	.08	746	.13	801	.07	926	.06
683	.18	747	.25	802	.06	927	.05
684	.04	748	.23	826	.25	928	.08
685	.08	749	.30	827	.27	929	.04
686	.04	750	.40	828	.30	930	.02
687	.06	751	.12	829	.30	931	.03
688	.12	752	.04	830	.35	932	.05
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703	.08	756	.05	837	.12	936	.04
704	.02	757	.06	838	.08	937	.04
705	.05	758	.10	852	.06	938	.04
706	.07	759	.15	853	.08	939	.04
707	.05	760	.18	854	.10	940	.04
708	.15	761	.19	855	.10	941	.04
709	.07	762	.18	856	.11	942	.04
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